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10. [] English translation Document (if applicable)						
11. [XX] Information Disclosure Statement [1] Copy of IDS Citations w/PTO-1449 and 1 reference						
12. [] Preliminary Amendment						
13. [XX] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)						
14. [] Small Entity Status is claimed.						
15. [XX] Claim for Convention Priority [1] Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed a. Priority of <u>Japanese</u> application no. <u>2002-259474</u> filed on <u>September 5, 2002</u> is claimed under 35 USC 119.						
16. [] Other						
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